

New ANSI Standard for First Aid Kits

If you were wondering if your first aid kit contains all the required items, check out the new Z308.1-2003 ANSI standard, *Minimum Requirements for Workplace First Aid Kits*.

The new ANSI standard expands the list of recommended first aid kit contents to include:

- analgesics,
- burn dressings, and
- CPR barriers.

It also takes into account all types of packaging of first aid products and containers for use inside and out in mobile and stationary settings.

“Kits that comply with the standard will provide a basic range of products to deal with most types of injuries encountered in the workplace,” said Janice Comer Bradley, technical director for the Industrial Safety Equipment Association (ISEA), which served as the secretariat for the new standard. “The assortment of required contents is based on treatment of wounds such as cuts and abrasions, minor burns, and eye injuries.”

In addition, sections of the new ANSI standard address:

- compliance,
- classification of first aid kits and performance requirements for containers,
- required contents (including minimum performance criteria), and
- recommendations and precautions concerning kit use and maintenance.

For more information or to order Z308.1-2003, visit ISEA’s Web site at <http://www.safetyequipment.org>